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Applicant: Veli-Matti LEHTOLA et al. Conf.: 705  
Appl. No.: 09/486,971 Group: 161  
Filed: April 11, 2000 Examiner: R. Bennett  
For: PHARMACEUTICAL PREPARATION COMPRISING CLODRONATE  
AS ACTIVE INGREDIENT AND SILICIFIED  
MICROCRYSTALLINE CELLULOSE AS EXCIPIENT

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

July 16, 2002

Sir:

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In response to the Office Action mailed April 16, 2002,  
Applicants respectfully submit the following remarks in  
connection with the above-identified application.

**REMARKS**

Claims 1, 3-4, 6, 11, 14-19 are pending in the present  
application.

**Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. 103(a)**

Claims 1, 3-4, 6, 11, 14-19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C.  
103(a) as being unpatentable over Posti '354 (US 5,525,354) in  
further view of Sherwood (WO 96/21429) and Remington's  
Pharmaceutical Sciences. Applicant asserts that the present  
invention is not obvious in light of Posti '354, Sherwood, and  
Remington and the current rejection should be withdrawn.